

that Mr. Albert began his stage career, hosting magic shows and singing in small venues to put himself through drama school. After becoming a crowd pleaser in Minnesota, he decided to pursue his creative passion in other cities and on the radio. After dropping his last name to avoid being mistakenly called Eddie Hamburger, he shifted his focus to comedy. His success on the airwaves led to his 1935 Broadway debut in the comedy "O Evening Star."

Mr. Albert went on to appear on Broadway several times before making it to Hollywood in 1937 as Bing Edwards in the film "Brother Rat." His fame grew, and in 1939 Mr. Albert started entertaining audiences as an aerialist and clown in a traveling Mexican circus. During his time there, he began providing intelligence to the U.S. Government on Japanese and Nazi activity in Mexico. His career was put on hold when he bravely served in the Marines during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his courageous fighting in the Battle of Tarawa.

Upon returning from his service overseas, he started Eddie Albert Productions and worked behind the camera to make sex education films, a rarity in their time. One of his best known roles was in the 1960s sitcom "Green Acres," in which he portrayed lawyer turned farmer Oliver Wendell Douglas. Appearing in nearly 100 films, Mr. Albert earned two best supporting actor Academy Award nominations for his parts in "Roman Holiday" (1953) and "The Heartbreak Kid" (1972).

Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Albert traveled the world and became interested in the fight against poverty and preserving the environment. In the 1970s, he established the City Children's Farms and dedicated his free time to publicly speaking about the importance of nutrition for the world's children. He served as a special envoy for the philanthropic mission "Meals for Millions" and as a consultant for the World Hunger Conference. An avid outdoors man, Mr. Albert treasured the beaches, trails, and wildlife near his home in Southern California. He used his fame to bring much needed attention to the harmful effects of DDT and, on his birthday in 1970, Mr. Albert helped inaugurate the first Earth Day. Later that year, he and his wife opened a community arts center in Los Angeles, which is still in operation today.

In 1945, Mr. Albert married actress Margo, nee Maria Marguerita Guadalupe Teresa Estela Bolado Castilla y O'Donnell. She preceded him in death in 1985. Eddie Albert died of pneumonia on May 26, 2005, at his home in Pacific Palisades, CA. He is survived by his son, daughter, and two grandchildren. Whether as an entertainer or philanthropist, Mr. Albert will be remembered for his passion and dedication to making others smile. His talents and kindness will surely be missed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2864. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

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The following joint resolution was discharged pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c) and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 20. Joint resolution disapproving a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to delist coal and oil-direct utility units from the source category list under the Clean Air Act.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3041. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice—Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004" (Notice 2005-54) received on July 12, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3042. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice—Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004" (Notice 2005-54) received on July 12, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3043. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings Declared Obsolete" (Rev. Rul. 2005-43) received on July 12, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3044. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Section 482 Setoffs" (Rev. Proc. 2005-46) received on July 12, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3045. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation to amend title 42, United States Code, to extend the authorization for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness until October 1, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3046. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capitalization of Tangible Assets; Correction" (48 CFR Part 9904) received on July 12, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3047. A communication from the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2004 Annual Report, Statement on the System of Internal Controls, and Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3048. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/President, Board of Directors of the Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and a report on Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3049. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/President, Board of Directors of the Financing Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and a report on Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3050. A communication from the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Controller/Senior Vice President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2004 Annual Report, Statement on the System of Internal Controls, and Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3051. A communication from the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Interim Chief Financial Officer/Senior Vice President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Bank's Statement on the System of Internal Controls, and a report on Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3052. A communication from the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2004 Annual Report, Statement on the System of Internal Controls, and Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3053. A communication from the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2004 Annual Report,